

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY MR. TAYLOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 65

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to hearings in juvenile
7 courts; and providing for an effective
8 date."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 47.10.070 is amended to read:

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Sec. 47.10.070. HEARINGS. The court may conduct the

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hearing in an informal manner in the courtroom or in chambers.

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All hearings under this chapter are without a jury and the

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usual rules of evidence do not apply. The court shall give

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notice of the hearing to the department and it may send a

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representative to the hearing. The court shall also transmit

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a copy of the petition to the department. The representative

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of the department may also be heard at the hearing. The

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public shall be excluded from the hearing, but the court, in

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its discretion, may permit individuals to attend a hearing,

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if their attendance is compatible with the best interests of

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the minor. The minor or the parent or guardian of the minor

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may be represented by an attorney at law at all phases of the

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proceedings.

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage

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and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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